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New Niles Rotary Club seeks new members, outreach

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Rotary District 6360 Leadership poses with Niles Rotary Club Charter Members. From left: District Governor Mark Odland, District Governor-Elect Jacque Huie, charter members Valerie Tanke, Jessica Massey, Jennifer Salmon and Glenn Roper, District Governor Nominee Timothy Lee. Not pictured: Charter member Sharon Tyler.

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NILES — Last month, members celebrated the re-introduction of the new Niles Rotary Club to the community.

Coffee, donuts, and great conversations were had at the Niles Police Department, 1600 Silverbrook Ave., as leadership from Rotary District 6360 new Niles Rotarians collaborated to improve the lives of those living in Niles and surrounding areas.

The Niles Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International's District 6360, a district that covers more than 50 Rotary clubs and more than 2,000 members in Southwest Michigan.

Five charter members have been welcomed to the Niles Rotary Club over the past two weeks – Jessica Massey, Jennifer Salmon, Glenn Roper, Valerie Tanke and Sharon Tyler – as the club continues to seek out new members. District leadership has been on hand for meetings while the Niles club's leadership gets established.

"There's a great community here, there's lots of people who are interested in community service and international service," said District Governor Nominee Tim Lee of Rotary Sturgis . "We also want to bring back people who were engaged at one time with Rotary and reinvigorate them with new enthusiasm and then mix that with the enthusiasm from the people in the community that are new who want to serve and help the community. It

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Brandywine podcast to return next week

COMMUNITY REPORT

NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP — Brandywine Community Schools has announced the launch of the second year of the district's podcast, "Cat Chat" is set for Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The district uses the podcast to highlight and celebrate unique stories of the district's students and staff. The podcast began in the fall of 2023, with Superintendent Travis Walker as the host.

"As a school community, it's our responsibility to shine a spotlight on the incredible work our students and staff are doing every day. The Cat Chat podcast is our way of celebrating these achievements, providing a platform to share their stories, and keeping the community engaged with the ongoing success and innovation happening within Brandywine Community Schools," Walker said.

Episodes from the first season included a chat with a Brandywine eighth grade student in flight school, information on the school improvement bond that was on the ballot in May, discussions with the basketball coaches who both took their teams to the Breslin Center to the state championships, and learning about the Underground Railroad from a high school history class.

Walker seeks out interesting stories from around the district and plans the questions for the guests.

"We want Cat Chat to reflect the interests and concerns of our listeners, which is why we'll be inviting everyone to participate by submitting their ideas and questions through a survey at some point this year.

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PREPARE FOR SCARES

Niles Scream Park opens for 2024 season

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — A cursed ship, a creepy crypt and a fearsome forest are just a few of the horrific sights awaiting guests at one of Niles' most popular fall attractions.

The Niles Scream Park, 855 Mayflower Road, Niles, opened its gates for the season Friday and organizers and volunteers are ready to scare the "yell" out of guests. For the remainder of September, the park will be open from 8 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. In October, the park will be open from 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Two final "black-out" nights will be hosted from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 1-2.

The park boasts 44-acres filled with frightful sights that are rebuilt each year. The park is recognized both regionally and nationally as a top haunted house, having been recognized six years in a row by Haunted Attraction Magazine as a "Top 31 Must-See Haunted Attraction."

For those with the courage to tour all seven attractions, here is the line-up for 2024:

• Niles Haunted House — The park's largest and most popular attraction takes guests on a tour filled with themed rooms and a variety of scares.

• Pirates of Siren Seas — This attraction imagines guests as crewmates on a doomed pirate ship, and takes them through an adventure through treacherous waters and the allure of the sirens' song.

• Viciously Voodoo — A cursed crypt beneath New Orleans' famous French Quarter where an ancient, evil curse that had been dormant for centuries.

• Field of Screams — One of the park's most popular attractions, the Field of Screams guides guests through a maze featuring cannibals, a cemetery, a ghost town and more.

• Wicked Woods – A secluded forest shrouded in mystery and teeming with unspeakable horrors.

• Hooded — For adults 18 and over only, guests are blindfolded

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Candidates emerge for vacant Buchanan commissioner seat

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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BUCHANAN — Three Buchanan city residents met Friday's application deadline to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mayor Sean Denison Aug. 12. The deadline to apply was Friday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Buchanan City Clerk Kalla Langston reported that Raquell George, Tony Houser and Scott King have all applied to fill the Denison vacancy and the remaining two years of his unexpired term. Langston said a special city commission meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. at the Buchanan City Hall to interview the three candidates for the position.

Denison had served on the city commission since 2018 and had been mayor since late 2020. He said he was choosing to resign to focus on his health and his family and to enjoy life.

His decision came after a tumultuous several months for the city commission that included the suspension and resignation of City Manager Benjamin Eldridge, a censure vote against City Commissioner Dan Vigansky and dueling recall petitions against Vigansky and Denison.

While the Vigansky recall petition failed to garner enough signatures to force an election, the Denison recall did collect the required number of signatures and a recall election had been scheduled for this November before Denison's resignation.

Denison recall organizers cited Denison's decision to suspend Eldridge without a commission vote which they said was not allowed under the City Charter. Denison would have faced King in the November recall.

King is a former City Commissioner who served from 1994-98, Houser owns a local restaurant and George is a newcomer to local politics. She is perhaps best known for singing the National Anthem at area commemorations including the Buchanan Memorial Day ceremony.

Houser ran for city commission two years ago in 2022 and filed to run for city commission again this year before the Denison vacancy came up. Others running for the two four-year commission seats this November are incumbents Larry Money and Patrick Swem as well as newcomers Lorilie Holmes and Angela Lowery.

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Strong first half propels Buchanan to 32-6 win over Saugatuck in season opener B1

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"I refuse to shovel snow this winter. I'm heading South. Anyone heading South who can give me a lift and a place to stay? I could also use a few bucks."

"Are there any snowmobile trails in the area?"

"Can't wait for the fall festivals around the corner."

"If you tap another car, at least wait or leave a note on the windshield. You may as well be throwing a rock at a house."

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LMC CELEBRATES FIRST POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATING CLASS IN 40 YEARS

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BENTON HARBOR — On Wednesday, Aug. 28, Lake Michigan College recognized 14 recruits for successfully completing the College's first Police Academy session in 42 years. The Academy, which gained approval from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and the LMC Board of Trustees in 2023, has been reintroduced to address the anticipated wave of local law enforcement retirements.

"There is high demand for the next generation of well-trained law enforcement officers, both locally and nationwide. It's estimated that in Berrien County alone there will be 130 retirements over the next five years," stated LMC Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kenneth Flowers. "By bringing the Academy back, Lake Michigan College can partner with local municipalities to provide accessible, local training for those who want to serve their communities in this capacity."

Those who were awarded Certificates of Completion during the graduation ceremony are:

- Morgan Bohannon, Benton Township Police Department (Physical Fitness Award)
- Cooper Christner, Buchanan Police Department
- Charmayne DeLong, Niles Police Department (Academic Achievement Award)
- Philip Huang, Benton Township Police Department
- Dominick Klein, Buchanan Police Department
- Brandon Lebeda, Cass County Sheriff's Office (Class Speaker & Subject Control Award)
- Michael Miller, St. Joseph Public Safety Department
- Timothy Munn, Paw Paw Police Department
- Tait Oppman, Cass County Sheriff's Office (Leadership Award & MCOLES Outstanding Performance Award)
- Brandon Rath, Berrien County Sheriff's Office (Emergency Vehicle Operations Awards)
- Darnell Riddick, Dowagiac Police Department
- Jacob Risner, Benton Township Police Department
- Lukas Runser, Berrien County Sheriff's Office (Top Gun Award)
- David Suarez, Cass County Sheriff's Office

Graduates completed the rigorous 16-week program by exploring an extensive range of skill- and knowledge-based topics including emergency vehicle operation, firearms, patrol operations, active shooter response, field sobriety testing, and crime scene investigation. Candidates also focused on physical fitness, first aid, and the legal system.

To provide the highest level of specialized training, LMC worked with nearly 60 experts from local law enforcement agencies, area prosecutor offices, and the College's own Health Sciences faculty to deliver the 615 hours of curriculum.

"We are grateful for the involvement of our community partners and College faculty. Their expertise not only prepares these candidates to sit for the MCOLES licensing exam, but also to successfully begin their careers with the essential knowledge and skills to be successful," stated Brad Byerle, director of the LMC Police Academy.

Each recruit entered the program sponsored by a local law enforcement agency. Municipalities received grant funding through the State of Michigan MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance program to cover the cost of tuition and the recruits' hourly salary during training.

"State leaders recognize the challenges law enforcement agencies are facing to adequately staff their workforces. The grant funding appropriations built into the State budget make it financially possible for municipalities, especially smaller ones like those here in Southwest Michigan, to send recruits to the required basic training," stated David Krueger, dean of LMC Career & Workforce Education.

The Lake Michigan College Police Academy is offered each summer on the College's Benton Harbor campus. Those interested in learning more or participating in future sessions should contact Brad Byerle, LMC Police Academy director at bbyerle@lakemichigancollege.edu.

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Community members, partners, and friends gathered at the Cassopolis Family Clinic Network Thursday to celebrate the reopening of the Cassopolis Family Clinic Dental to better serve residents.

Cassopolis Family Clinic Dental celebrates grand reopening

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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CASSOPOLIS — Community members, partners, and friends gathered at the Cassopolis Family Clinic Network Thursday to celebrate the reopening of the Cassopolis Family Clinic Dental to better serve residents.

The Cassopolis Family Clinic Network's Board of Directors hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion, were the Cassopolis/Vandalia Chamber of Commerce, local dignitaries and lead dentists were on hand to celebrate an occasion they believe marks a new day in dental care for the communities Cassopolis Family Clinic Network serves.

"It's Mission accomplished," "It's been mothballs for years now. It's a beautiful facility and we've got people that we need to serve."

CFCD services include preventative services such as exams, cleanings, X-Rays, fluoride and sealants. In addition, dental procedure offerings include fillings, extractions, root canals, bridges, crowns, dentures, space maintainers and more. CFCN offers dental services for people who do not have dental insurance or are covered by Michigan Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Delta Dental.

"We know that people neglect their dental health and they don't have that many options and people that are on Medicaid or Medicare or have no ability to pay – they are all welcome," said CFCN Executive Director Joseph Gavan. "Here, we have a sliding scale so if they can't afford to pay anything, that's fine. We want to take care of them; That's how we're designed, and that's why we exist. We're trying to spread the word people know, and that we're here and that we're open for business."

After opening its doors in 2014, CFCD was forced to close in June 2022 due to staffing issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The clinic currently has two full-time dentists and the schedule is filling up.

"Because of COVID, we could not get doctors," said Dental Office Manager Melanie. "Luckily with the board's help and everything, we were able to get new doctors to open."

For Gavan, having the dental clinic up and running again allows CFCN to better serve residents with its integrated care.

"So Parents or a guardian sets up a meeting or an appointment for dental for their child. They could, an hour later, go and have the medical wellness check as well and then before they leave, they can go to the pharmacy," Gavan said. We have Behavioral Health right here under this roof as well. That is the model that we love because it is integrated. You're seeing the same people, you're coming to a familiar facility. If you have transportation challenges, you can get a lot done while you're here. We like that about this place and we think our patients do as well."

Dental services are offered from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call (269) 228-8500.

Steelhead Solar Project moving forward in Cass County

COMMUNITY REPORT

CASS COUNTY — Ranger Power's Steelhead Solar project in Cass County has received unanimous approval for its Conditional Use Permit from both the Marcellus Township Planning Commission and its Board of Trustees.

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The Steelhead Solar project is expected to generate up to 200 megawatts of renewable energy each year – sufficient to power roughly 35,000 homes – and employ up to 200 workers during construction, most of whom officials say will be hired locally.

"The Steelhead Solar project illustrates what we can accomplish when everyone is pulling in the same direction to support clean, renewable energy in Michigan," said Paul Harris, co-founder and president of Ranger Power. "We are grateful for the support from our local partners and the community is going to benefit from this project for decades to come with significant new tax revenues

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Nigel is a 1.5-year-old Goldendoodle who is ready to romp or cuddle during football games. Volunteers said he gets along well with other dogs. He enjoys humans and will make for a loving companion. Nigel needs continued leash training but is eager to learn. A fenced yard is best as he loves to run or a home giving daily long walks. His coat requires grooming every six to eight weeks. Nigel is neutered, potty trained and completely vetted. Contact Animal Aid at 269-934-SPAY (7729).

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New Dowagiac business focuses on arts, crafts, vendors

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NILES — A new business is giving a once-vacant building a new lease on life.

Here 4-U recently opened its doors at 57365 M-51 S., Dowagiac in the former Advanced Chiropractic building. Owned by Brea Sipla, the business aims to creatively meet the needs of community members through its "sip 'n paint" events while providing notary, mending and hemming and consignment. Here 4-U also sells cleaners and detergents.

Born and raised in Dowagiac, Sipla and her husband lived in Chicagoland for 10 years before moving back to the area to be near her father. After noticing the building was still vacant, Sipla decided to take the plunge and become a business owner.

"I've always loved the structure of this building. We drove by one day and the building was still vacant. My husband said go ahead and call about it," she said. "Business has done pretty good so far. I'm happy with it."

Sipla typically hosts one sip 'n paint event each week, with the subject usually inspired by seasons and holidays. She said she was inspired to pursue painting after taking a painting class. To date, the activities have included wine bottle painting, DIY pen crafting, wine bottle stoppers and painting Ghostface from the "Scream" movie series. In the future, Sipla hopes to host children's crafting activities as well as activities for the mentally disabled.

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Here 4-U owner Brea Sipla poses with some of her finished arts and crafts projects.

"I like to start them like a month and a half in advance of the holiday," she said. "With gifts you need a little bit of time to start thinking about what you're going to be decorating and people usually decorate a month in advance."

Sipla has years of sewing and mending after first being introduced to it during her 4-H days.

"My sister and I were just very tiny," she said. "My mom would go ahead and sew us matching outfits. Through the years, I just always kind of mended this and mended that and hemmed up some things."

Sipla aims to make full use of the spacious building. There are currently rooms available to rent for vendor booths as well as space for consignment. "With the access to the main road and the great parking, we're hoping we can fill up this building."

Here 4-U is open from 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, for more information regarding services or to sign up for events, contact Here 4-U at (269) 363-2044 or visit its Facebook Page "Here 4-U."

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Fernwood Botanical Garden features new art exhibit

COMMUNITY REPORT

NILES — Renowned visual artist Karen Bondarchuk's latest exhibit, Ad Infinitum, is now on display at Fernwood's Clark Gallery.

The exhibit, which explores the intricate and interconnected relationship between humans, crows, and ravens, is open to the public free of charge through November 3. Visitors may also purchase related items at the Fernwood Gift Shop.

Bondarchuk, a Canadian-born artist, is known for her diverse range of materials and processes. Her work has received prestigious honors and awards in New York, Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Maryland. Her pieces are housed in permanent collections from institutions such as the National Gallery of Canada and the Woodson Art Museum. Bondarchuk currently serves as a professor at the Frostic School of Art at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In her own words, Bondarchuk describes her work as a means to explore the interaction between humans and non-humans, often with a humorous approach. She aims to put herself "in the pelt (or feathers) of another."

The exhibit reception, which includes an opportunity to meet the artist, will take place at Fernwood on Sunday, October 6, from 2 to 4 pm. This event is open to all and will include complimentary refreshments. Fernwood receives a commission on all gallery sales.

Commission raises power outage credit for customers facing lengthy loss of electric service

COMMUNITY REPORT

LANSING — The Michigan Public Service Commission Thursday raised the amount of the bill credit that customers who endure lengthy power outages are eligible to receive to $40 per day, strengthening compensation for those who lose electric service and toughening an incentive for electricity providers to improve reliability and shorten the length of outages.

The Commission's order (Case No. U-20629) increases the outage credit by $2 per day for each day the power is out and for repetitive interruptions. The credit is automatically applied to the accounts of customers whose outages meet thresholds for the credits, so customers no longer have to request the credit from their utility. The Commission posts monthly outage and credit statistics for utilities statewide on the MPSC's website.

Prior to the Commission updating the outage credit in 2023, customers were eligible only for a one-time $25 credit, and customers had to ask for it from their utility. The Commission raised the credit initially to $35 per day for each day a customer is without power, with the credits indexed to inflation. The Commission, which is required to adjust the credit each year, last raised the credit to $38 in September 2023.

"We understand that the outage credit won't cover everything lost when the power goes out, but the credit will help customers while encouraging utilities to do all they can to restore service quickly," MPSC Chair Dan Scripps said. "The credits are one tool the MPSC is using to encourage utilities to improve the power grid to better withstand increasingly frequent extreme weather and restore power as rapidly as possible after outages."

The power outage credit kicks in after 96 hours during catastrophic conditions, defined as a utility having 10% or more of its customers without power; after 48 hours during gray sky conditions affecting between 1% and 10% of a utility's customers, and after 16 hours during normal conditions. Customers who endure more than 6 sustained power interruptions in one year also are eligible for the outage credit. More information on outage credits is available at the MPSC's consumer tip sheet.

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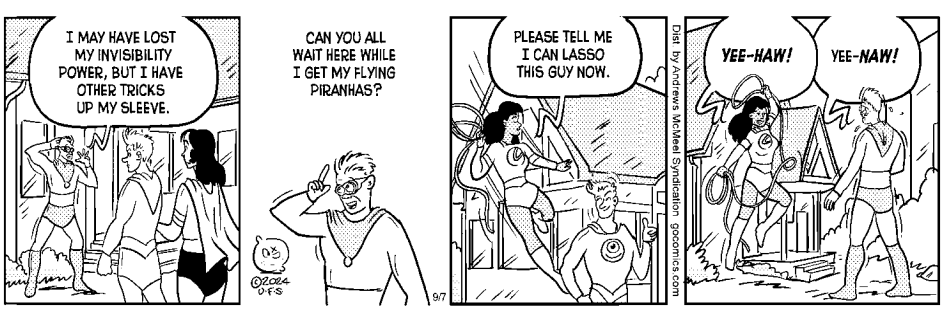
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CAN YOU ALL WAIT HERE WHILE I GET MY FLYING PIRANHAS?
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YEE-HAW!
YEE-NAW!

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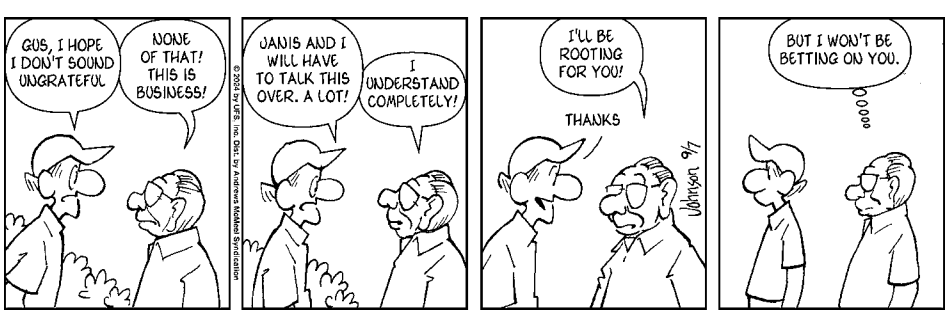
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NONE OF THAT! THIS IS BUSINESS!
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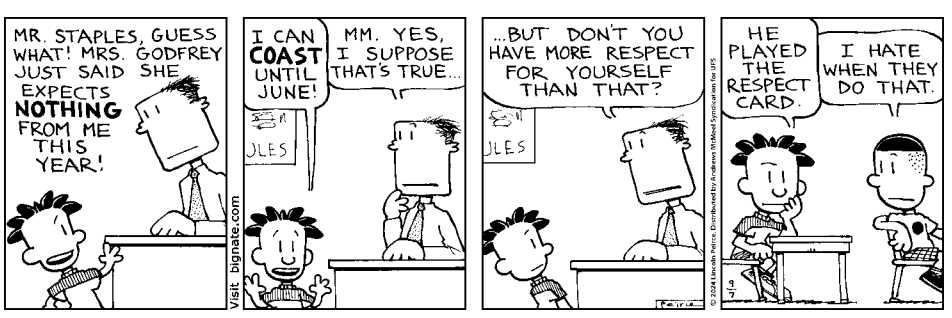
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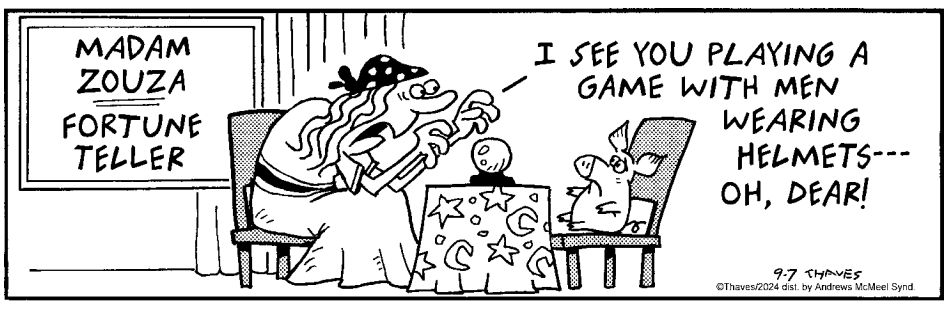
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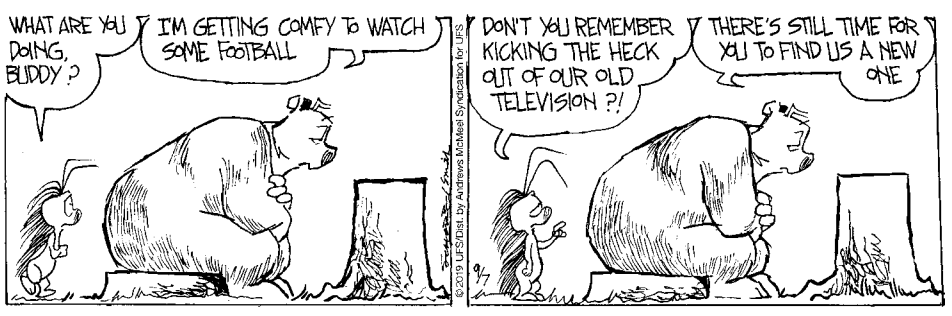
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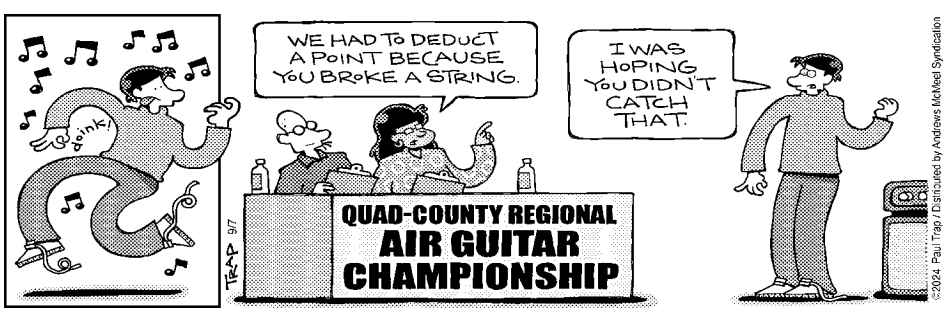
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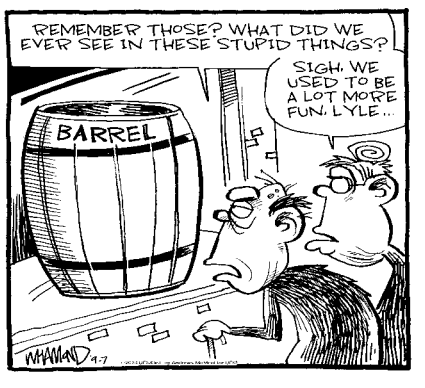

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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55 Household god

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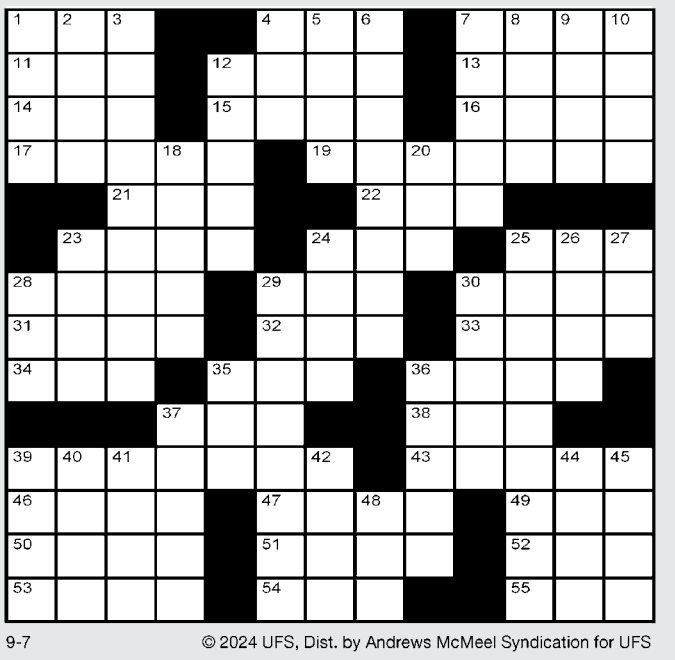

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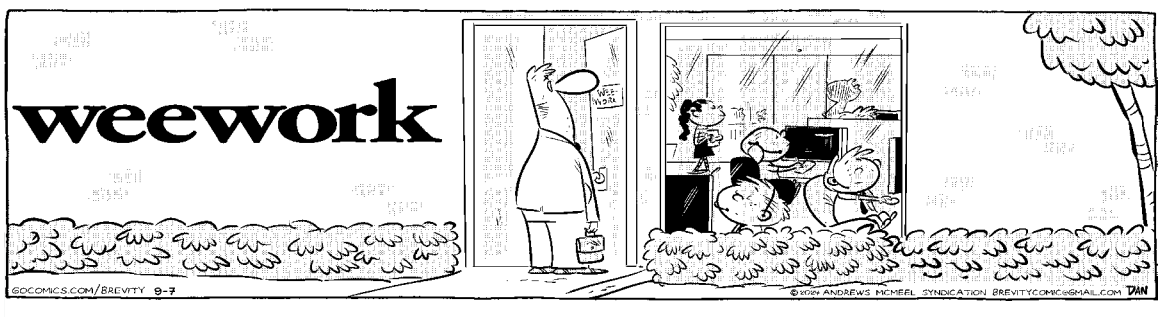

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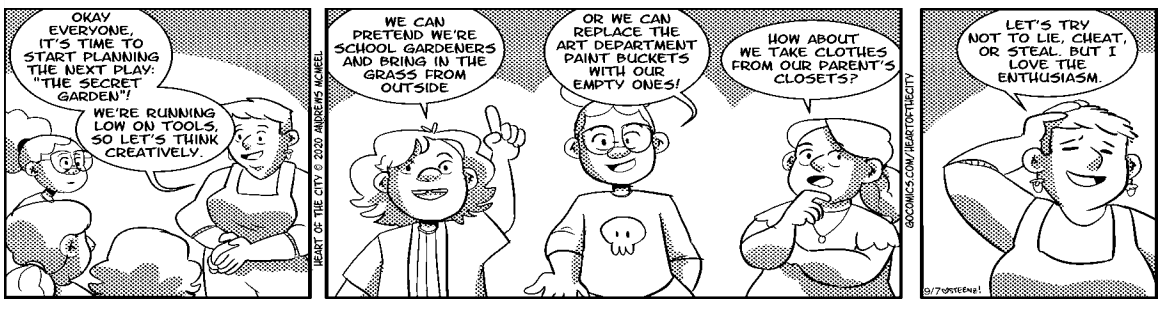
OKAY EVERYONE, IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING THE NEXT PLAY: "THE SECRET GARDEN"!
WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON TOOLS, SO LET'S THINK CREATIVELY.
WE CAN PRETEND WE'RE SCHOOL GARDENERS AND BRING IN THE GRASS FROM OUTSIDE
OR WE CAN REPLACE THE ART DEPARTMENT PAINT BUCKETS WITH OUR EMPTY ONES!
HOW ABOUT WE TAKE CLOTHES FROM OUR PARENT'S CLOSETS?
LET'S TRY NOT TO LIE, CHEAT, OR STEAL. BUT I LOVE THE ENTHUSIASM.
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DEATH NOTICES

Rick Schantz, 72, of Dowagiac, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Michelle Lee Rooker, 38, passed away on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Nicholas O. Rodriguez, 46, passed away on Thursday, August 29, 2024, in Merrillville, Indiana. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Colleen Poehlman, 99, of Niles, passed away, Monday, September 22, 2024. Arrangements and services were handled by Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHome-Niles.com.

Mary Josephine Jones, 84, passed away on Friday, August 30, 2024, in South Bend, Indiana. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Ron Kring, 82, of Hanahan, South Carolina, passed away Thursday, August 29, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Niles. www.BrownFuneralHome-Niles.com

Leona Pitcher, 89, of Berrien Springs, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at home in Berrien Springs. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home. www.Allred-FuneralHome.com

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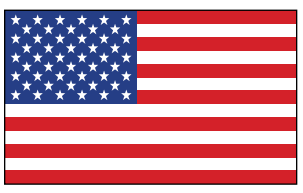

Roger "Rod" Smith

October 26, 1936 - August 28, 2024

Roger also known as "Rod" A. C. Smith, 87, of Cassopolis, died peacefully August 28, 2024.

His life began October 26, 1936 in Battle Creek Michigan, born to A.C. and Helen Smith. He married Judy Ann Wade July 16, 1977 in Cassopolis, Michigan. She survives.

Rod served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1962. He and his friend John Mitchell spent time working at Fruitbelt Electric in Cassopolis. Later they purchased Eagle Lake Marina in Edwardsburg in 1967 running it together for fourteen years. He was last employed at the Cass County Transit, driving bus which he loved. Rod and Judy enjoyed traveling out west in their fifth wheel trailer. He also enjoyed his breakfast club at Spicey's Restaurant in Edwardsburg on the weekends. Together Rod and his wife raised draft horses and exhibited them at area fairs in Michigan and Indiana.

Rod will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife Judy Ann Smith; one daughter, Lisa (Heather) Sobieski; one son, Wayde (Deborah) Harding; three grandchildren, Dustin (Kate) Harding, Courtney Sobieski, Lexi Ludwig; two great grandchildren Smith and Haisley; extended family members, Pearl Suseland and Jami Suseland; and one nephew, Mark (Denise) Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gerald "Gary" Smith.

Family and friends will gather Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Rod be made to Cass County Council on Aging, Post Office Box 5, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 or to the charity of donors choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Garland "Smitty" Smith

July 24, 1932 - September 1, 2024

Garland M. Smith "Smitty", 92, of Dowagiac, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side on Sunday, September 1, 2024 at his home.

The family will receive guests from 10am until the time of celebration of life at 12pm, Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac, Pastor Boyd Saylor officiating. Burial with military honors to follow at Riverside Cemetery, Dowagiac.

Garland was born July 24, 1932 in Hoxie, AR to Lewis David Smith and Rosa (McCord) Potts. He proudly served four years in the Navy from 1952-1956. He soon married Geraldine Wilson on December 23, 1956 in Hernando, MS. In the late 1950s, Garland started a lifelong career with the Harding's Supermarket family. He helped develop stores over his years, serving as a passionate and meaningful mentor to many. Garland was actively involved in numerous groups in the Dowagiac area, including Am-Vets, the VFW, Moose Lodge and Eagles Club. In his spare time, especially in retirement, you could find Garland outdoors, doing what he loved the most, gardening, traveling, hunting and fishing with family and friends.

Garland will be missed by his children, Rodger (Deborah) Smith, and Donna (Steven) Bourne; his grandchildren, Ashely (Richard) Kirkpatrick, Matthew Smith, Brittany Bourne, and Marissa Bourne; his great grandchild, Logan Kirkpatrick; and his siblings, Virginia Bonner, Easter (Gene) Rosenblum, and Darrell (Frances) Smith.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Smith; his siblings, Phineas Smith, Otto Smith, Mary Graham, Martha McCafferty, Raymond Smith, Jerry Smith, Cecil Smith, Emaline (Lawrence) Ashlock, and Noble (Eunice) Smith.

Charles Jackson Easterling

January 16, 1947 - August 31, 2024

Charles "Chuck, GP, Dickie, My Daddy" Jackson Easterling, 77, of Vandalia, died Saturday, August 31, 2024 in the comfort of his family's presence. His life began January 16, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois, the first of five siblings. He married Sandra Warfield, December 11, 1967 in Chicago, Illinois. She survives.

Chuck retired from Cook Nuclear Power Plant in Bridgeman in 2010 after thirty years of service. He enjoyed drafting and designing homes and systems for work and pleasure. He spent time researching and learning about his ancestors in the attempt to create his family tree. Chuck enjoyed building and fixing whatever was needed in his spare time. He enjoyed kayaking with his son and brother, but most of all, he loved to laugh and spend time with his family.

Chuck will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife Sandra Jackson Easterling; two daughters, LaShundrea (Quentin) Weatherspoon, of South Bend, Nicole (Eric) Steward of Vandalia; one son, Charles Jackson Jr. of Vandalia; six grandchildren, Jordan, Caila, Emmanuel, Vashti, Japhia, Tre; two great grandchildren, Ziona, Ja'siah; two sisters, Barbara Jackson, Cynthia Jackson; two brothers, Greg Jackson, Larry (Debi) Jackson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Jackson Sr. and Bessie Easterling, as well as his brother William Jackson Jr.

Family and friends will gather Friday, September 13, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis.

Chuck will be laid to rest in cemetery at Prospect Hill in Cassopolis.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Elayne Stafford McCartney

May 10, 1933 - January 1, 2024

Elayne Stafford McCartney died in Provo, Utah on January 1, 2024, at the age of 90, while she was a patient at Utah Valley Hospital.

Elayne is survived by her son, Wade Stafford McCartney (Althea), her grandchildren, Jasmine, Steven, Samuel and Juliette, and great grandchildren Lexa and Izaiha. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, and her sister, Norma Mae Stafford.

Elayne was born on May 10, 1933, in Niles, Michigan to William Irving Stafford and Julia Ellen Miars. Elayne grew up on the family farm where they raised corn, soybeans, and dairy. She attended a one-room country schoolhouse about a mile from her home which she walked to and from for kindergarten through 8th grade. During that time, one or her favorite activities was softball and recess at lunchtime. She was a good pitcher. While attending Niles High School in town five miles from home, she also played softball during recess or during PE class, since there was no girls softball team at school.

In 1950 as a high school senior, she tried out for the South Bend Blue Sox, a women's professional baseball team who played from 1943 through 1954 in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Although she didn't make the team, she appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed the experience. In 1951, Elayne graduated from Niles High School. That fall, she enrolled at Michigan State University (MSU) and graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education. She also met her future husband, William Oliver McCartney, at MSU. During the Summers while attending college (and after), Elayne worked as a camp counselor and Sports Director at Camp Robin Hood located in Green Lake, Wisconsin, a private girls camp. From 1955 to 1961, Elayne taught high school in several cities in Michigan. p.2 of 2

On June 24, 1961, Elayne married William "Bill" Oliver McCartney at Morris Chapel in Niles, Michigan and then traveled to Sacramento, California where they lived for more than 53 years. While Bill worked as a Plant Pathologist for the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture, Elayne was active in the home as a homemaker and in the community.

In the early/mid 1960s, Elayne was an active member of Pilot International (aka, Pilot Club), a community service organization. She was a member of the American (and Michigan) Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (AAHPER), and a member of the Young Women's Christian Association. Elayne also volunteered with The American Red Cross, attending Leadership Center training and earned a Water Safety Instructor Authorization.

In 1972, Elayne joined the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento where she was a member for 40 years. From time to time, she also attended Methodist Church with her sister, Norma. Elayne enjoyed sports and supported her son, Wade, while practicing and playing baseball (little league) and soccer (Jr High School, Rec, Competitive Club, High School, College at UC Davis, and Men's League in Sacramento). Elayne often volunteered as an official baseball scorekeeper and traveled to many soccer practices and games. For many years, Elayne enjoyed playing golf at the Cordova Golf Course in the Cordova Women's Club league. Elayne also enjoyed reading, poetry, and gardening.

Family and friends will gather Monday, September 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. for a graveside service to lay to rest Bill and Elayne MacCartney and Norma Mae Stafford in Morris Chapel Cemetery, 11721 Pucker Street (corner of Chapel Street), Niles, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, Niles. (halbritterwickens.com, 269.683.3000). Messages of condolence and remembrances, or just to reaching out, may be sent to Wade McCartney in care of Halbritter Wickens Funeral Service, halbritterwickens.com or 269.684.3000.

CROSSWORD ANSWER
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that will support local schools, public safety and infrastructure."

"I appreciate Ranger Power's community-first approach, their transparency, and their willingness to work with us to ensure that the Steelhead Solar project is a good fit for our community," said Marcellus Township Supervisor Ed Koshar. "We understand that Ranger Power had the opportunity to go to the state and bypass local review and approval under the new siting legislation and we appreciate that they were willing to complete siting review in our township and under our zoning ordinance. I look forward to seeing the project come to fruition and the substantial benefits it will bring to our community."

"Due to the State of Michigan's 2040 clean energy goal, projects like the Steelhead Solar development have become a necessity if we are to have a reliable electric grid," said Zach Morris, Executive Director of Market One. Morris went on to state: "The Steelhead Solar project offers numerous benefits locally, such as rental income to landowners, property taxes, and the creation of construction jobs for area workers."

An economic analysis by the Anderson Economic Group noted that the Steelhead Solar project is projected to generate $2.4 million in personal property tax revenues in the first year after commissioning and $24.6 million over the 40-year expected life of the solar farm. This includes $6.9 million in tax revenue to Cass County, $8.1 million to the local township government and library authority, and $2.5 million to Southwestern Michigan Community College. Additionally, nearly $7.2 million will go to support local general education services. This includes $4.9 million towards school debt and $2.3 million to the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District (ISD).

Marcellus Township is also eligible to receive a one-time Renewable Ready Community Award from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), which will provide an additional $1 million ($5,000 per megawatt) to support local needs within the township. Half of these award funds will be granted up front, and the remaining funds disbursed following project completion.

Ranger Power expects to begin construction on the Steelhead Solar project in mid-2026 with completion slated for late-2027. When the facility is decommissioned at the end of its expected 40-year lifespan, the land can be returned to its current agricultural use.

NILES BAND TO PERFORM IN THREE OAKS NEXT MONTH

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The Erly – a four-piece band from Niles – will return to The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, on Friday, Oct. 11. The Michigan indie-soul collective takes collaboration, friendship and good vibes with a fusion of '60s and '70s rock, pop, funk and modern indie.

SMC counselor's journey full circle with a twist

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — Coming out of Union High School in 2006 as Dowagiac's All-Sports Award winner, Kim (Luthringer) Anderson was not ready to put her playing days behind her.

Southwestern Michigan College, from which she earned 12 credits while still in high school and where she worked for six years preparing for her career, was on an extended hiatus from intercollegiate athletics.

Anderson enrolled at rival Lake Michigan College to continue playing softball while earning her associate degree in business administration.

She also played basketball and volleyball for the Chieftains, as well as outfield in softball. "Softball was my favorite." SMC fielded softball teams from 1986-95.

"The energy and the vibes are awesome" from the return of cross country in 2021, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's wrestling in 2022, plus the addition of a co-ed bass fishing team.

"I would have liked to be part of that," Anderson said wistfully. "I follow (the Roadrunners) on social media and love seeing the success. It seems there's a really good thing going for students who come here. I didn't want to move far from home. I was looking for something affordable where I could still live at home and save money."

The SMC experience as a Ferris student

She completed her bachelor's degree in business administration at SMC through the Ferris State University program, graduating in 2010. She additionally pursued a master's degree through Indiana University South Bend (IUSB).

While working at SMC, Kim joined the Young Professionals of Greater Dowagiac when it started. The fireworks sponsors rebranded as Dowagiac Connected to encompass a wider age range. "I took a step back when my daughter was born," she said. "My kids are my priority."

Her April birthday coincided with Campus Bash in 2016, so she got dragged into the ice cream-eating contest on the Student Activity Center patio.

"Everybody sang happy birthday to me," she said.

She also traveled to Key West and West Virginia for whitewater rafting on trips Hall of Fame Cross Country and Track Coach Ron Gunn organized as extreme sports director.

When her brother retired, she was ready

To say she has come full circle is true. She completed her fourth year as the DUHS counselor, plying similar skills she honed as SMC's lead admissions counselor and a year directing Educational Talent Search, which broadened her experience to middle schoolers. Both positions involve working with local school districts.

Anderson, who started at the college as a part-time outreach specialist, received her five-year service pin Dec. 21, 2015, at the Board of Trustees meeting from Trustee Todd Obren.

But with a nudge from the COVID-19 pandemic, Anderson took full circle to another level. When Randy Luthringer retired, she took the job of her older brother who inspired her to want to become a counselor in the first place.

She also served as a counselor in Marcellus for three years starting in 2017 after SMC, but continued to live in Dowagiac, on the other side of Middle Crossing Road from where she grew up in the Meadowbrook subdivision.

Randy is "living the life," she said, fishing on Lake Michigan and hunting. "I think he was proud" she occupied his old office.

Not enough interaction in accounting

"When I left high school, my plan was to be a school counselor," Anderson said, "like my brother. I admired what he did. He influenced my future plans, but they got sidetracked at LMC. I thought the route I would take to be a school counselor would be to be a teacher first, but I did not feel passionate enough about a subject to teach it every day.

"I felt a little lost for those two years about what I would do. I was an accounting major at first and took corporate tax accounting. I was also working (at Wolverine Mutual Insurance Co.), saw what my boss (Sally Matthews) did and decided that wasn't the path for me. I wanted something with more interaction.

"When the admissions job at the college opened up, I loved that. I really enjoyed working with students, giving them ideas if they were undecided, going to the high schools and working with the counselors. To this day, that is still my favorite aspect of the school counselor role. That hasn't changed."

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Kim (Luthringer) Anderson.

Recalling pandemic Zoom meetings, Anderson said, "I stayed at home for the weeks we had to, but as soon as I could go into the building in Marcellus, I was there. Working from home was not my jam. We were remodeling at the time, with furniture everywhere. My cat was climbing everything while we were trying to have meetings. It was not for me."

"I enjoyed the (SMC) role a lot of meeting students and families to plan what they would be doing after school, navigating career choices and planning events, like school visits or health career day. Every day was different. As a counselor, every day is still different."

"All of the experiences I had with the college, including ETS, were so fitting for my role leading into school counseling," Anderson said. "Part of the job is helping students with their college classes and career navigation. Had I not had that experience, I would have had to learn so much. I'm so thankful for that because of the intricacies of the career and technical education (CTE) world. Having all that was a perfect fit. There are so many avenues to help students pay for college. They need to take advantage of those opportunities, and I want to help them do that."

COVID injected flexibility into staffing

"Before, you needed a school counselor degree," she said. "Now, we have social workers and advocates who do short check-ins for behavior things where you don't have to have that credential. And there are new grant programs. Our district has school-based therapists who meet the highest tier of students who need services. We have a social worker and a school-based therapist." Her colleague, Student Advocate Susan (Skibbe) Baldwin, is a former Dowagiac police officer of 9 ½ years and a state Child Protective Services investigator/supervisor with a master's degree in social work.

"We're a great team," Anderson said, "because I focus more on career aspects and her specialty is social/emotional."

DUHS "doesn't feel the same" thanks to a major update since she graduated. "Randy's window looked into the cafeteria courtyard. With the reconfiguration, the window looks toward the front."

She participated in Student Senate and Humanities Club, which traveled to New Orleans. It was the height of the Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, so club members ushered and met visiting authors, who signed their books.

Anderson has two children, Ellie, and Eric. Her daughter was born Jan. 6, 2021 — the day mobs stormed the U.S. Capitol.

Her husband of five years, Jon, from Watervliet, was at LMC at the same time, but they didn't have a relationship. He played basketball. She worked concessions as a softball player. She also served meals in the Mendel Center for Economic Club.

Ironically, Jon lived on Middle Crossing, so when they got married, "I packed up my things and moved across the road," she laughed. He works for Arnt Asphalt Sealing, the Benton Harbor-based contractor, and has lived in Dowagiac since 2014.

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and actors can touch them as they move through a scary attraction.

• Mini Escape Rooms — Four five-minute escape rooms will be available to give guests a fast-paced experience.

In addition to the attractions, the midway features several food concessions and the gift shop will let you shop till you drop for the latest Halloween merchandise. The Scream Park's new photo-op system will provide guests with several options of pictures to purchase to commemorate their experiences and there also is the Dead Man's Axe throwing game for those who like adventure and a challenge.

The Niles Scream Park is a non-profit community project that uses approximately 200 volunteers per night to staff its various attractions. These volunteers represent more than 65 Michiana area community and school organizations. Since 1996, more than $2.5 million has been donated to local and national non-profit organizations and to the Niles Scream Park-funded college scholarships for students at Niles, Brandywine, Dowagiac, Cassopolis, Edwardsburg and Penn High Schools.

More information on prices, times and dates of operation can be obtained by visiting the Niles Scream Park web site at www.haunted.org or calling (269) 687-FEAR.

ROTARY

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was a great marriage, a great fit and we're really excited to bring everybody together."

Rotary joins leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations to exchange ideas and take action for communities around the world. With more than 46,000 member clubs worldwide and a membership of 1.4 million individuals, Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations.

The club has risen from the ashes of the former Niles-Buchanan Rotary Club, which officially dissolved due to membership struggles in June 2017 after serving the community for 98 years. The club had contributed more than $300,000 in scholarship funds to Niles, Brandywine and Buchanan high school graduates before its dissolvement, with aiding local youth being one of its biggest goals.

At its most prominent, the club had more than 200 members. The memberships were supported by local manufacturing companies, like Simplicity, that used to pay membership dues. When manufacturers, including Clark Equipment, left the area, they took some members with them.

Tanke, whose husband was a longtime Rotarian with the Nilles-Buchanan club, is looking forward to becoming involved with the Niles Rotary Club.

"I tend to get involved in groups that give back to the community and to support kids, especially. This is a good organization that helps children here and abroad," Tanke said. "He was always involved and they used to meet for lunch and they used to have kids come and talk to us by slime. I didn't realize the organization had dissolved, so I'm happy to see that it's coming back. They have a lot of great people in this community."

Community members are encouraged to attend upcoming Rotary meetings:

• 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, Niles Police Department

• 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, 2nd and Main for social gathering

• 7:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, Niles Police Department

"It's a new, fresh opportunity and there's really a lot of excitement," Lee said.

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PODCAST

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The podcast will release new episodes on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month – except for November and December due to the holidays. Readers can find the latest episodes on the school's website at www.brandywinebobcats.org or Spotify.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

"We're really excited. We got a lot of talent back and our guys have been working really hard this offseason. I think they've been itching for this game and fixing to get back hitting people, so we should hope for a good night."

— Coach Mark Frey

BUCKS DOWN TRAILBLAZERS

Strong first half propels Buchanan to 32-6 win over Saugatuck in season opener

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — The Buchanan football team began the 2024 season in winning fashion Thursday night.

The Bucks led wire to wire in a 32-6 victory over Saugatuck at home in the season opener. The game is a rematch of last season's opener which saw the Trailblazers beat the Bucks 21-14.

Leland Payne scored the first touchdown of the season on a 12-yard run to put the Bucks up 6-0 in the first. In the second quarter, quarterback Jake Franklin connected with Tyler Baker on a 35-yard touchdown catch to put the team up for good at 12-0. Jameson Pleasant scored on a 35-yard touchdown run and a recovered onside kick preceded Payne adding his second touchdown run to help the Bucks take a 26-0 lead following a two-point conversion.

Mason Frontczak booted a 28-yard field goal just before halftime gave Buchanan a 29-0 halftime lead.

The second half saw Buchanan reserves get plenty of reps that will pay dividends down the road. A 34-yard Frontczak field goal in the fourth to round out Buchanan scoring. The Trailblazers found the end zone on a late touchdown pass to get on the scoreboard.

The Bucks outgained the Trailblazers 327 to 169 in total yards, including a 204 to 146 advantage in rushing yards and a 123-23 lead in passing yards. Franklin completed 8 of 12 passes for 123 yards, one touchdown pass and one interception. Payne added nine carries for 44 yards and two touchdowns and Pleasant three for 41 and a touchdown. Baker had four catches for 84 yards and a touchdown. Isaiah Nelson led the teach in tackles with five.

Gabe Tompkins led the team in rushing with 100 yards on six carries, including a 45-yard run that helped set up Payne's second touchdown. He also added a fumble recovery on defense.

"I couldn't do any of it without my linemen and my quarterback Jake (Franklin)," Tompkins said. "We all worked hard; none of those big rushes would be there if it weren't for them."

For Tompkins, helping his team earn a win in the season opener meant a lot.

"Especially this game," he said. "Last year, I broke my elbow against this same team in week one so it definitely felt good getting this big win against them at home, too."

The Bucks hosted White Pigeon Friday night in Week 2 action. The recap of that game will be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 14 print edition of the newspaper.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

SMC's Knight named National Defensive Player of the Week

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — After helping her team beat the No. 22-ranked McHenry County Scots last weekend and setting the SMC record for digs in a single match with 32 in a defeat of the Edison State Chargers, Cadence Knight has won the MCCAA Western Conference Defensive Player of the Week for each of the first two weeks in the 2024-2025 campaign.

Now, the NJCAA is paying attention and has named her the National Division II Defensive Player of the Week for her 103 digs in 17 sets played at the Owens Invitational.

Knight and the Roadrunners next take the court versus the Delta Ducks, the Macomb Monarchs - the team that knocked them out of the district tournament last season - and the North Central Michigan Timberwolves on the road at the Macomb Invitational on Saturday, September 7.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Chieftains defeat Rams 21-11 in season opener

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac football team's season opener was a success last Friday.

The Chieftains defeated South Haven 21-11 to win its first season opener since 2018.

Lamone Moore Jr. tallied 16 carries for 93 yards and two touchdowns and Kaleb Smith had 93 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown and Tim Masterman added 52 yards on 10 carries. The Chieftains finished with 327 total yards of offense, 280 of which coming were rushing yards.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN MCDERMOTT

Ferris State drops season opener at Pitt State

COMMUNITY REPORT

PITTSBURG, PA —The third-ranked Ferris State University Bulldogs got off to a slow start and could not overcome several miscues in a 19-3 season-opening setback to sixth-ranked Pittsburg State (Kan.) on Saturday (Aug. 31) night before a large crowd at Carnie-Smith Stadium.

The Gorillas took advantage of four Bulldog turnovers and came away with the win in the second-ever matchup between the two programs.

The Bulldogs were held to 171 yards of total offense in the game while Pitt State managed 316 against a strong FSU defensive performance most of the night. Ferris State was also limited to only seven first downs overall.

Pittsburg State struck first with 6:43 to go in the first period following a FSU turnover when Austin Schmitt kicked his first of four field goals in the game, notching his initial try from 33 yards away.

The Bulldogs managed to tie the game back up with 7:12 remaining in the first half as senior kicker Mitch Middleton netted Ferris State's lone points of the night with a 37-yard field goal, finishing a six-play, 42-yard drive.

However, the Gorillas found points late in the first half to take a 6-3 halftime advantage, moving 71 yards in 11 plays before Schmitt converted a 22-yard field goal.

The Gorillas' lead grew to 9-3 with 7:18 to play in the third as Schmitt nailed his third try from 36-yards out to finish a 10-play, 58-yard march. Soon after, Pittsburg State took advantage of a Bulldog turnover on the ensuing kickoff and pushed the lead to 16-3 with a short five-play, 37-yard drive. PSU reached the end zone for the only time in the game with a 13-yard scoring carry by Cleo Chandler Jr.

The final points came with 5:44 to play in the game when Schmitt connected on a 36-yard try to finish off a lengthy 15-play, 50-yard jaunt that lasted for more than nine minutes.

Overall, Pittsburg State ran for 110 yards on 36 tries with Chandler running for a game-high 49 yards. PSU senior quarterback Chad Dodson Jr. completed 22-of-33 passes for 206 yards and was intercepted once late in the first half in the end zone by FSU defensive back Jalen Jones. Christian Carter led the Gorillas' wideouts with six catches for 28 yards.

For Ferris State, junior quarterback Carson Gulker led the Bulldogs on the ground with eight carries for 31 yards. Trinidad Chambliss threw for 133 yards on 13-of-20 passing, but was intercepted twice. Senior wideout and former Cassopolis standout Tyrese Hunt-Thompson hauled in three catches for 68 yards.

Defensively, junior Justin Payoute led the Bulldogs with 13 total tackles and a tackle for loss. Gyasi Mattison finished with nine stops while senior linebacker Konnor Near had seven tackles.

The setback was FSU's first season-opening defeat since falling at FCS power North Dakota State in 2013.

Ferris State will host Lake Erie in the home opener on Saturday (Sept. 7) at Top Taggart Field. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. (ET). Tickets are on sale now at FerrisStateBulldogs.com/Tickets.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

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Edwardsburg volleyball 2-1 at Dowagiac quad

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DOWAGIAC — The Edwardsburg volleyball team went 2-1 at the Dowagiac quad Tuesday.

The Eddies are now 5-3 on the season.

Eddies vs St. Joe - (L) - 25-18, 20-25, 9-15

Eddies vs Dowagiac (W) - 22-25, 25-12, 15-9

Eddies vs South Haven (W) - 28-26, 10-25, 15-10

Leaders:

Kya Shier - 25 kills, 8 digs, 5 aces

Soph Kuntz - 9 digs, 4 aces, 5 assists

Sarah Pippin - 24 kills, 4 digs, 3 blocks

Mya Eberlein - 9 kills, 3 blocks

Rylie Rosenkrantz - 13 digs, 2 kills, 1 ace, 58 assists

Olive Walk - 7 digs, 4 aces

Buchanan volleyball sweeps Centreville

By SCOTT NOVAK
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BUCHANAN — Host Buchanan improved to 7-0 by sweeping Cassopolis, Saugatuck and Centreville at its quad Wednesday.

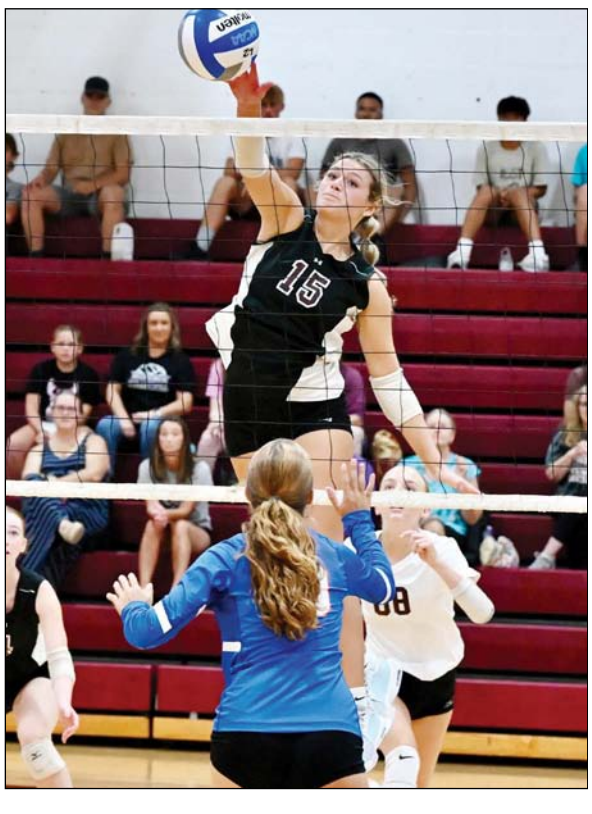
The Bucks defeated Saugatuck 25-6 and 25-12, Cassopolis 25-12 and 25-13, as well as Centreville 25-9 and 25-15.

Kills: Alyssa Carson 26, Chloe Aalfs 20, Kenzie Boller 8, Izzy Tibbles 8

Assists: Sophia Bachman 61

Digs: Emily Holt 14, Finley Kehoe 11, Chloe Aalfs 12, Sophia Bachman 8, Izzy Tibbles 5, Alyssa Carson 5

Assisted blocks: Alyssa Carson 6, Sophia Bachman 3



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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

SMC volleyball 3-1 at Owen's Invitational

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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FINDLAY, OHIO — The Southwestern Michigan College Volleyball Team went 1-1 on day two of the Owen's Invitational and 3-1 on the weekend.

After falling to Vincennes 13-25, 13-25, 17-25, the Roadrunners responded with a win over Muskegon Community College 22-25, 23-25, 27-25, 25-19, 15-9 in five sets. On Friday, SMC beat No. 22 McHenry 19-25,13-25, 25-20, 25-21, 20-18, and followed that up by taking down Edison State 22-25, 30-28, 25-15, 25-17.

"We know playing these larger tougher competitors might result in a loss, but that's also the only way to get better and beat those caliber of teams, and that is exactly what we did this afternoon taking Muskegon to a fifth set and beating them," said SMC Coach Jenny Nate. "We know how to win. We have learned that in the past two weeks; we have to continue to expect to win every time we step on the court, maintain our energy, and execute the way we practice. We needed this weekend to prepare us for conference play, and now we have great film to analyze and know exactly what we need to work on the most moving forward. We are excited for week three."

The Roadrunners are now 8-2 on the season.

Tournament stats

Leading serving scorers:

Talan Hiemstra 42 points, 11 aces

Josie West 29 points, 4 aces

Ryli Burks 29 points, 6 aces

Cadence Knight 24 points, 4 aces

Anna Johnson 27 points, 2 aces

Gia Jania 27 points, 4 aces

Reese Maas 1 point

Kills:

Josie West 62

Ryli Burks 30

Kallie Solloway 23

Abi Marquis 21

Gia Jania 23

Talan Hiemstra 13

Zyon Brazo 5

Anna Johnson 2

Amanda Jones 1

Cadence Knight 1

Blocks:

Gia Jania 13

Abi Marquis 9

Kallie Solloway 6

Josie West 6

Ryli Burks 6

Talan Hiemstra 5

Digs:

Cadence Knight 103

Josie West 19 Josie West 27

Ryli Burks 53

Amanda Jones 46

Talan Hiemstra 31

Anna Johnson 29

Kallie Solloway 6

Reese Maas 1

Gia Jania 8

Abi Marquis 3

Zyon Brazo 2

Assists:

Anna Johnson 84

Ryli Burks 73

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Buchanan boys soccer earns 1-1 tie with Berrien Springs

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — The Buchanan soccer team had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Berrien Springs Tuesday.

The Bucks led 1-0 at halftime on Caden McMahan's third goal of the season.

"We played outstanding defensively," said Buchanan Coach Ryan Haines. Eventually, the speed and athleticism of Berrien Springs got the best of us and they scored on the near post. Charley had some great saves tonight from point-blank range and we were able to make some good passing sequences through the middle third."

Halftime Score
Buchanan - 1
Berrien Springs - 0
Scoring Summary:
B: 19' - Caden McMahan (Jacob Kuntz)
BS: 79' - Kevin Silva
Saves:
Buchanan: Charley Cowart - 4

Buchanan 3, Dowagiac 0

The Bucks shut out the Chieftains in soccer action on Wednesday. Mason Frontczak opened the scoring in the 33rd minute and Easton May put a 25-yard rocket into the top left corner in the 38th minute for his fourth goal of the season. Frontczak added his eighth goal of the season in the 44th minute. Easton May put a 25-yard rocket into the top left corner in the 38th minute for his fourth goal of the season.

Led by juniors Hunter Harrington and Preston Payne, head coach Ryan Haines said the defense played outstanding today as goalie Charley Cowart earned his second clean sheet.

"I felt this is the best game we have thus far this season," he said. "Rather than pushing the envelope and getting tired quickly, we let the game come to us and we were able to capitalize on the Dowagiac's mistakes."

Records:
Buchanan: 4-1-1 (1-0-1 Lakeland Conference)
Dowagiac: 3-3-1 (1-1 Lakeland Conference)
Buchanan's next game: 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4 at New Buffalo

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Niles drops season opener to St. Joseph 30-7

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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ST. JOSEPH — The Niles football team's season opener did not go as planned last week.

After scoring the game's first touchdown, the Vikings gave up 30 unanswered points to host St. Joseph in a 30-7 loss.

Quarterback Talen Bennett found Kaden Garrod on a 4-yard touchdown pass to put the Vikings up 7-0 over the Bears in the first quarter. From that point on, it was all Bears, who scored 30 points in the second and third quarters to take control of the game.

Niles was threatening in the red zone late in the fourth quarter, however the Vikings turned the ball over at the goal line with under three minutes left in the game.

The Vikings were outgained 262-220 in total yards and had two turnovers. Bennett completed 4 of 9 passes for 77 yards and one touchdown pass and added eight carries for 20 yards. Alex Anderson led the team with 33 yards rushing on nine carries. Max Rucker had one catch for 39 yards and Sam Rucker one catch for 29 yards.

On defense, Brandon Hamilton had 12 tackles and Sam Rucker had 11 to lead Niles.

The Vikings hosted former SMAC rival Lakeshore Friday night in Week 2 action. The recap of that game can be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 14 print edition of the newspaper.

Eddies roll Walkerton John Glenn 48-8 in football season opener

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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WALKERTON, Ind. — Edwardsburg football's road trip to Indiana ended in winning fashion Friday night.

The Eddies scored 21 points in the first quarter on their way to a 48-8 victory over Walkerton John Glenn. Edwardsburg rushed for 360 yards on the ground – 260 of which came in the first half. Carsen Cebra (35 yards), Grant Ostrander (66 yards) and Grant Griffin (75 yards) each found the end zone in the first quarter. Quarterback Zeke Pegura found the end zone on a 6-yard run that put the Eddies up 27-8 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Pegura found Griffin on a 58-yard touchdown pass to put the Eddies up 34-8 before Brody Schimpa and Cebra each scored a touchdown in the third quarter to round out scoring for the Eddies (1-0), who host St. Joseph (1-0) at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept 6. The Eddies hope to have the services of Pegura next week, after the second-year signal caller appeared to injure his knee in the second half of Friday's game.

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DEFEAT

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Quinten Hill had 12 tackles and one forced fumble and Cooper Symczack had seven tackles and one forced fumble. Masterman added seven tackles and Jamal Williams finished with four tackles, one interception and two fumble recoveries.

The defense held the Rams to 146 yards – 70 rushing and 76 receiving.

The Chieftains traveled to Hudson Friday night to take on the Tigers in the Week 2 action. The recap of that game will be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 14 print edition of the newspaper.

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Both vehicles unknown running condition and miles
Location: 7979 Deans Hill Rd, Berrien Center.

Niles Daily Star:
Sept. 7, 2024
AV/14 TOYOTA

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FRI OCTOBER 11TH NOON
ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
AUCTION LOCATION
MILLIN TOWING OF
611 WAYNE ST NILES MI
REGISTER AT 11:45AM
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Mike Duis

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STORAGE DISPOSAL

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND CREDITORS NOTICE
FILE NO.
2024 – 0714 – DE - R

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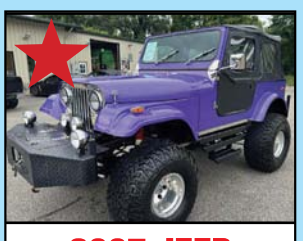

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